

STATEMENT-II

The steps taken to prevent smuggling of Indian flora include :

1. Collection of wild plant species covered under schedule VI of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 from any forest land or specified area has been banned by law.

2. Export of 56 species of plant or plant portion and their derivatives covered under P. No. 47 (PN)/92-97 dated 30.3.94 obtained from the wild have been prohibited.

3. Export of plants other than above 56 species requires a legal Procurement Certificate (LPC) from Regional Dy. Director, Wildlife Preservation, Ministry of Environment and Forests or Chief Conservator of Forests or Deputy Conservator of Forests of the State concerned from where these plants have been procured.

4. The cultivated variety of plant/plant portions covered by P.N. 47 can be allowed for export subject to production of certificate of cultivation and a CITES permit, wherever applicable.

5. Export of sandalwood in any form excluding finished and processed handicrafts products, machine finished products are prohibited.

6. Export of Red Sandalwood in any form whether raw, processed or unprocessed as well as any products made thereby is banned.

7. The export of plants and plant portions are allowed only through the six major points at Bombay, Calcutta, Cochin, Delhi, Tuticorin and Madras.

8. International trade in India with respect to species covered under Appendix—I of CITES is prohibited and for 15 species, covered under Appendix—II of CITES, is regulated under the provisions of the CITES.

9. Raids are carried out by the wildlife authorities whenever information of illegal trading in wild plants reaches them.

10. Inter departmental coordination has been enhanced with other enforcement organizations like Police, BSF, Customs, ITBP, Coast Guards etc. Training programmes on wildlife enforcement and implementation were also conducted for all these organizations at New Delhi and Dehradun during, 1995.

Raw Cashewnut Production

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the details of steps taken by the Government for increasing the production of raw cashewnut all over the country;

(b) the total amount of raw cashewnut produced during the last five years, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government purpose to provide more financial assistance to the State Governments of Tamil Nadu and Kerala for cultivation of the cashew trees on the waste land; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) Government of India has launched a Centrally Sponsored Scheme during VIII Plan on the Integrated Development Programme of Cashew with a Plan Outlay of Rs. 47.85 crores with the following major objectives, viz.

1. Multiplication & supply of planting material of improved & high yielding varieties.

2. Improving productivity of existing plantation.

3. Adoption of improved production and pest management practices.

4. Training of farmers.

(b) State-wise and year-wise production of rawcashew is given in the attached statement

(c) and (d) During the first four years of the Eighth Plan i.e., from 1992-93 to 1995-96, Rs 362.26 lakh has been released to the State of Kerala and Rs 144.94 lakh for the State of Tamil Nadu for the cultivation of cashew trees cluding plantations on the wasteland. For the year 1996-97, and allocation of Rs. 162.71 lakh for the State of Kerala and Rs. 315.75 lakh for the State of Tamil Nadu has been made of which a sum of Rs. 41.06 lakh for Kerala and Rs. 51.38 lakh for Tamil Nadu has been released.

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(PRODUCTION OF CASHEW IN INDIA)

(Production in Metric Tonnes)

State	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
Kerala	143200	151600	140200	149000	140000
Karnataka	26750	31260	31540	33000	37600
Goa	14490	33810	34590	37000	17800
Maharashtra	31960	25590	28280	31200	69900
Tamil Nadu	12710	19190	19200	20000	30930
Andhra Pradesh	40360	44880	46570	50000	71700
Orissa	31840	39060	43420	46500	43000
West Bengal	3660	3660	3990	4100	6960
Others	350	340	360	370	340
Total :	305310	349390	348150	371170	417830